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***Raised Bill No. 7315***

LCO No. 4869

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CADETS, EXPLORERS AND JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 31-23 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
5 section, a minor who has reached the age of fourteen may be employed  
6 or permitted to work as a caddie or in a pro shop at any municipal or  
7 private golf course or as a cadet, explorer or junior firefighter, and a  
8 minor who has reached the age of fifteen may be employed or  
9 permitted to work in any mercantile establishment, from September  
10 30, 2002, to September 30, 2007, inclusive, as a bagger, cashier or stock  
11 clerk, provided such employment shall be (A) limited to periods of  
12 school vacation during which school is not in session for five  
13 consecutive days or more except that such minor employed as a cadet,  
14 explorer or junior firefighter or in a retail food store may work on any  
15 Saturday during the year; (B) for not more than forty hours in any  
16 week; (C) for not more than eight hours in any day; and (D) between

17 the hours of seven o'clock in the morning and seven o'clock in the  
18 evening, except that from July first to the first Monday in September in  
19 any year, any such minor may be employed until nine o'clock in the  
20 evening. (2) (A) Each person who employs a fourteen-year-old minor  
21 as a caddie or in a pro shop at any municipal or private golf course or  
22 as a cadet, explorer or junior firefighter pursuant to this section shall  
23 obtain a certificate stating that such minor is fourteen years of age or  
24 older, as provided in section 10-193, and (B) each person who employs  
25 a fifteen-year-old minor in any mercantile establishment pursuant to  
26 this subsection shall obtain a certificate stating that such minor is  
27 fifteen years of age or older, as provided in section 10-193. Such  
28 certificate shall be kept on file at the place of employment and shall be  
29 available at all times during business hours to the inspectors of the  
30 Labor Department. (3) The Labor Commissioner may adopt  
31 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as the  
32 commissioner deems necessary to implement the provisions of this  
33 subsection.

34 Sec. 2. Section 12-81w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

36 The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by  
37 ordinance, a program to provide property tax relief for the nonsalaried  
38 local director of civil preparedness and for individuals who volunteer  
39 their services as a firefighter, emergency medical technician,  
40 paramedic, civil preparedness staff, an active member of a volunteer  
41 canine search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249, cadet,  
42 explorer or junior firefighter or ambulance driver in the municipality.  
43 Such tax relief may provide either (1) an abatement of up to one  
44 thousand dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, or (2) an  
45 exemption applicable to the assessed value of real or personal property  
46 up to an amount equal to the quotient of one million dollars divided  
47 by the mill rate, in effect at the time of assessment, expressed as a  
48 whole number of dollars per one thousand dollars of assessed value. In  
49 the case of a cadet, explorer, junior firefighter or other volunteer

50 eighteen years of age or younger, such property tax relief shall be  
51 provided to a parent or other legal guardian of such volunteer with  
52 whom such volunteer resides. Any ordinance may authorize interlocal  
53 agreements for the purpose of providing property tax relief to such  
54 volunteers who live in one municipality but volunteer their services in  
55 another municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	31-23(b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2007	12-81w

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***Statement of Purpose:***

To extend the times during which cadets, explorers and junior firefighters may work and to provide property tax relief to the families of cadets, explorers, junior firefighters and other emergency volunteers who are eighteen years of age or younger.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*